



TEXAS CHIROPRACTIC BOARD NEWS AND VIEWS

TEXAS BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

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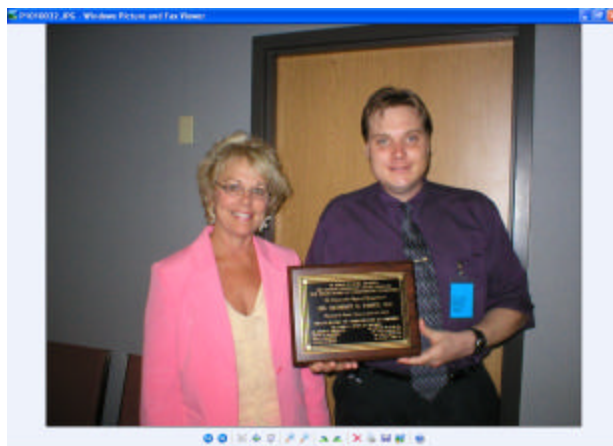
Update from the Executive Director

The Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners would like to recognize its outgoing board members who have served the past six years. Dr. Robert Coburn, Dr. Serge P. Francois, and Mr. Paul Dickerson have devoted countless hours to the Board. Dr. Coburn served as Vice-President and Chair of the Enforcement Committee. Dr. Francois served as Secretary-Treasurer and Chair of the Technical Standards Committee. Mr. Dickerson served as the Chair of the Licensing and Education Committee. Our gratitude and best wishes go out to each of them.

10,000th Chiropractic License Awarded

The Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners issued its 10,000th license since its inception in 1949 on March 4, 2005. Dr. Robert Fritz of Richardson, Texas was the recipient of this very significant honor. Dr. Fritz graduated from Parker College of Chiropractic in May of 2004. After successfully passing the Texas Jurisprudence Exam, Pam Harris, Director of Licensure, issued Dr. Fritz chiropractic license number 10,000. A commemorative ceremony was held following the board meeting on June 2, 2005. Dr. Fritz is currently practicing in the Richardson area. Congratulations to Dr. Fritz and the staff at Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

Pictured on the left with Dr. Fritz are President Sandra Jensen, Dr. Scott Isdale, and Dr. Serge P. Francois. Pictured on the right with Dr. Fritz is Pam Harris, Director of Licensure.



ENFORCEMENT NEWS

New T.B.C.E. Enforcement Director/Investigator

Mr. Doug Ferris comes to us from the Texas State Dental Board as our new Enforcement Director/Investigator for the State of Texas. He has been employed by several state agencies as an investigator and other related positions since October of 1989. He also was employed by the Austin Police Department. His hobbies include bass, redfish and trout fishing and wild turkey calling. He has four grandchildren and two great grandsons. He attended Manor High School, University of Texas, Texas A & M University, and Sam Houston State University. Doug was raised and born in Austin/Travis County. We look forward to working with Doug at the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners!

Press Email Release List

If you wish to be added to the email list to receive press releases and updates regarding disciplinary actions, rule changes, and new licenses issued, please send an email to tbce@tbce.state.tx.us with the word "subscribe" in the subject line.

Consumer 1-800 Number

Each chiropractic facility must display a consumer placard in a prominent place. Failure to do so is a violation. The 1-800 number listed on the placard is for the use of complaints only. Chiropractors may not use the number unless filing a complaint.

Testimonials

Currently, testimonials are prohibited in advertising. Occupations Code § 101.201 states that "False, misleading, or deceptive advertising or advertising not readily subject to verification includes advertising that: (4) contains a testimonial." The Enforcement division recommends consulting your attorney if you wish to use testimonials in advertising.

Accessible Parking Registration

The Enforcement Division has received an increasing number of calls asking if a chiropractor is allowed to sign the form to obtain an accessible/disabled parking permit. TxDOT Form VTR-214 states that it is "TO BE COMPLETED BY A PHYSICIAN: LICENSED BY THE TEXAS STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS, A PHYSICIAN LICENSED TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN ARKANSAS, LOUISIANA, NEW MEXICO, OR OKLAHOMA. A PHYSICIAN PRACTICING MEDICINE IN THE U.S. MILITARY ON A MILITARY INSTALLATION IN TEXAS, OR IN A HOSPITAL OR HEALTH FACILITY OF THE DEPARTMENT VETERANS AFFAIRS OR A PODIATRIST LICENSED BY THE TEXAS STATE BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS." Unless they hold a separate license from the Medical or Podiatric Board, a Doctor of Chiropractic does not meet any of the above-listed requirements.

NEED A FINGERPRINT CARD?

Please send an e-mail to Pam.Harris@tbce.state.tx.us requesting that a fingerprint card be mailed to you. Be sure to include your full name and current mailing address in your request. A fingerprint card will be mailed out upon receipt of your written request. Requests may not be processed via phone.

Fingerprint cards should be mailed in along with your application for licensure. It can take up to 30 days to process your prints and complete your background check. If you send in a fingerprint card without an application or payment, it will not be processed.

MORE ON CONTINUING EDUCATION

You are required to complete 16 hours of continuing education annually to renew your chiropractic license. As a reminder, only 6 hours may be completed online. To ensure that you do not waste your valuable time and money by taking a class that has not been approved by the Board, please take a minute to visit our website to make certain that the class you plan to attend is listed as approved. If it is not listed, it has not been approved, and you will not receive credit for it.

For those of you who plan to renew your chiropractic license online at www.TexasOnline.com, you are not required to mail in your continuing education certificate. However, you are required to keep your certificate on file in the event that we ask you to provide us with a copy when we perform our continuing education audit.

REQUESTS FOR CERTIFICATION LETTERS/LETTERS OF GOOD STANDING

There is a \$25 charge for each certification letter or letter of good standing. Please send your request, along with your payment, to the attention of Pam Harris, Director of Licensure.

FACILITY REMINDER

Facility renewals are now due on the first day of the DCs' birth month. All NON-DC owners are due on September 01, 2005. The facility renewals for September will be mailed out early July. We strongly encourage all facility owners to renew online at www.texasonline.com. When a facility is closed you must let the TBCE office know in writing within thirty days to avoid any penalties. If the facility is transferred to a new owner the new owner must register under his/her name. The facility license number cannot be transferred.

Have you changed your address lately?

Please remember that you are required to notify the Board office in writing of any change in business or mailing address within 30 days of the change. Failure to do so is a violation of Board Rule §73.1, which can result in an administrative penalty. If you submit an address change on the website, it does not change our records at the office. Please remember you still have to mail in or fax the changes to the TBCE office. The fax number is 512-305-6705. See www.tbce.state.tx.us for an address change form.

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BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

The dates for the upcoming Board/Committee meetings of the TBCE in 2005 are shown below. Most meetings are held in Ste. 225, Tower II of the William P. Hobby Building and are scheduled to begin at 12:30 P.M.

August 25, 2005
November 3, 2005

All TBCE Board Meetings are open to the public. Chiropractors are encouraged to attend at least one Board Meeting where he/she can meet the Board Members and staff of the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners and earn continuing education credit. **Those individuals on agenda are strongly advised to attend both Committee meetings and Board meeting.** Committee meetings are scheduled to begin between 8:00 and 10:00 AM in the Board office, Suite 825 in Tower III in the William P. Hobby Building on the date of the Board Meeting.

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